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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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CONGRATULATING CATHERINE CAINE AS THE 2015 HAWAII STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR, JAMIE TAKAMURA AS THE 2015 CENTRAL DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR, MASARU UCHINO AS THE 2015 LEEWARD DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR, ELIZABETH FRILLES AS THE 2015 WINDWARD DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR, DAVID HUITT AS THE 2015 HAWAII DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR, RICHARD ARASE AS THE 2015 MAUI DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR, AND MARLY MADAYAG AS THE 2015 KAUAI DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR.

1 WHEREAS, the people of the State of Hawaii take great pride  
2 in recognizing and honoring the superb achievements and notable  
3 contributions of educators who, through their extraordinary  
4 dedication and personal efforts, significantly improve the  
5 quality of education for the children of Hawaii; and  
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7 WHEREAS, the quality of education rests heavily upon the  
8 shoulders of academic instructors and administrators, whose hard  
9 work and dedication are important to the character development,  
10 happiness, and success of each generation of students; and  
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12 WHEREAS, each year, the Hawaii State Department of  
13 Education honors Hawaii's best educators with its Teacher of the  
14 Year awards; and  
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16 WHEREAS, CATHERINE CAINE, a teacher at Waikiki Elementary  
17 School, is the 2015 State Teacher of the Year, being selected  
18 from a group of Hawaii's best and brightest educators thanks to  
19 her exemplary commitment to teaching and her innovative,  
20 student-based inquiry approach to secondary education, which  
21 sets high expectations and has yielded exceptional results; she  
22 creates a classroom environment in which her students can shine,  
23 feel comfortable asking questions, and learn and grow from their  
24 experiences; her genuine care for students extends to the entire  
25 school community, demonstrated through integrating technology to



1 motivate her students to tackle relevant issues that engage  
2 them, which makes learning meaningful, memorable, and fun; and  
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4 WHEREAS, JAMIE TAKAMURA, a curriculum coordinator at Red  
5 Hill Elementary School, is the 2015 Central District Teacher of  
6 the Year, a result of her outstanding team-building and  
7 leadership skills; she was instrumental in making Red Hill one  
8 of only three schools statewide to be recognized for high  
9 performance and closing the achievement gap in the last school  
10 year; and  
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12 WHEREAS, MASARU UCHINO, a third grade math teacher at  
13 Momilani Elementary School, is the 2015 Leeward District Teacher  
14 of the Year, selected due to his commitment to excellence in  
15 education and the instrumental role he plays in integrating  
16 standards-based learning into an original musical he writes,  
17 directs, and produces each year; he also founded an afterschool  
18 running and fitness group: "The Momilani Fit Factory"; his  
19 recipe for success: create a culture of belief, optimism, and  
20 perseverance, and students will achieve excellence; and  
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22 WHEREAS, ELIZABETH FRILLES, a science teacher at Olomana  
23 School, is the 2015 Windward District Teacher of the Year by  
24 virtue of her efforts to transform her class into a safe haven  
25 for at-risk students who consistently earn science, engineering,  
26 and robotics awards; she incorporates project, cultural, and  
27 problem-based education to engage students in complex and  
28 relevant lessons; despite already serving as department head and  
29 in other leadership roles, she can often be seen coaching and  
30 mentoring student teachers and peers in her spare time; and  
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32 WHEREAS, DAVID HUITT, a history teacher at Kealakehe High  
33 School, is the 2015 Hawaii District Teacher of the Year; he has  
34 inspired his own students to pursue their dreams while teaching  
35 them humility through community service, which is a hallmark of  
36 David's curriculum; his students have raised approximately  
37 \$50,000 for orphans in India, cooked over 6,000 meals for the  
38 needy, and collected hundreds of bags of trash from roads,  
39 parks, and beaches; his co-workers have praised his  
40 relationships with students, his creative lessons, his patience,  
41 and his true spirit of service; and



1 WHEREAS, RICHARD ARASE, a social studies teacher at Maui  
2 Waena Intermediate School, is the 2015 Maui District Teacher of  
3 the Year; selected for his proactive education method of turning  
4 students into classroom performers who take charge of their  
5 education, he believes his students can thrive with a safe  
6 learning environment and memorable experiences by transforming  
7 the curriculum into something exciting; and  
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9 WHEREAS, MARLY MADAYAG, a fifth grade teacher at Kalaheo  
10 Elementary School, is the 2015 Kauai District Teacher of the  
11 Year, a result of her organizational and creative skills which,  
12 combined with training in special education and the gifted and  
13 talented program, allow her to meet the needs of all learners;  
14 she encourages her students to hunt for information and to find  
15 answers to their own questions; she believes teaching is about  
16 fostering students' ability to think for themselves; now,  
17 therefore,  
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
20 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
21 Session of 2015, that this body hereby commends, congratulates,  
22 and honors CATHERINE CAINE, JAMIE TAKAMURA, MASARU UCHINO,  
23 ELIZABETH FRILLES, DAVID HUITT, RICHARD ARASE, and MARLY MADAYAG  
24 for their outstanding accomplishments and much-deserved  
25 recognition, and extends to all of them its sincere mahalo and  
26 best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.  
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